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The Honorable Chet Holifield
Chairman, Subcommittee on
Government Reorganization
Committee on Expenditures in the
Executive Departments
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Reference is made to H.R. 4754, a bill to
simplify the procurement, utilization, and disposal
of Government property, to reorganize certain agencies
of the Government, and for other purposes.

After a careful study of this proposed measure,
I feel it would be extremely helpful if the Central
Intelligence Agency could be exempted from its pro-
visions to the extent required for the security of
our operations.

As you know, this Agency has some very special
problems in the field of procurement, which, because
of the nature of our work, require that special means
of procurement be taken. Normal procurement channels
and methods cannot always be followed for reasons of
security. Wherever possible, however, we would like
to comply with the provisions of your proposed bill, and
have followed this thought in the language of the amend-
ment which we are proposing.

In view of the special nature of our problem,
as indicated above, and with which you are fully aware,
it is suggested that the following amendment be incor-
porated in H.R. 4754 at page 61, line 4, in order that
CIA may be exempted from its provisions:

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"(14) the Central Intelligence Agency: Provided, That the Central Intelligence Agency shall to the maximum extent that it may deem practicable, consistent with effective and efficient conduct of its duties and functions, coordinate its operations with the requirements of this Act and the policies and regulations prescribed pursuant thereto;".

If there are any questions which you or your Committee desire to ask me in connection with this proposal, I shall be most happy to place myself at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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